



1954

To a very
sweet girl. And a
wonderful baseball player
Love Judy
(Big Sister)

To a swell girl
Love Martha G.

Roses are red,
Violets are blue.
Sugar is sweet
and so are you.
From,
Elizabeth Mac.

To my best
friend, through
and through
Love, Eileen

To Bonnie, a wonderful
girl who I'll always
remember.
Love,
Susan Berkman

Yesterday, today's madness
did prepare
Emmy M.

Roses are
Red, violets
are blue a face
like yours belongs
in a zoo.
Love,
Judy Ralph

Grace Wagner

Jane Egmore

I love you little
I love you big
I love you like
a little pig.
Sally Skillman

To Bonnie.

A very good student
and a sweet, dear young
girl whom I enjoyed teaching.

Love
Ethel W. Kohn

Bonnie
Good luck at W.T.
next year and stay
out of trouble if you can
Muriel
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Good luck in
W.T. for as long
as you stay. Bear

Diane
Kisser







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Farewell

Now that our pilgrimage through Winchester-Thurston has drawn to a close, we realize that we have come to the end of an important part of our lives, the end of our high school days. But we should prefer to call this a beginning—a beginning of a new life, new experiences, new knowledge. For the pilgrimage of life has no end, and like Chaucer's pilgrimage we too must move with joyful hearts toward our destinations, wherever they may be.

Eventually we shall all find a purpose in life. Although as yet most of us do not know what it is, we know that it cannot be attained without careful preparation. Here at Winchester, like a man scaling a mountain which is firm and large at its base and which gradually reaches a peak, we have begun the skyward climb to our individual goals.

We have found that the ascent is not always easy. Many times we have become discouraged and felt that we do not measure up to Winchester's standards. And yet for every disappointment there has been a double joy which has made us realize how truly grateful we are to those who have counseled us, to our teachers who in our last years here have come to mean much more than instructors to us. They are the ones who have both preached and practiced the ideals that every Winchester girl is proud to claim. We are certain that we are leaving "thy pillared portals" with greater rewards than we could have hoped for, and that we are prepared to continue successfully in life if we follow the high standards that have been set before us: courtesy, graciousness, integrity, and above all, consideration for others.

P. D. R.



"Min be the travaille,
and thin be the glorie."

Senior Traditions





"Potpourri"



"Shades of Jacques Fath"



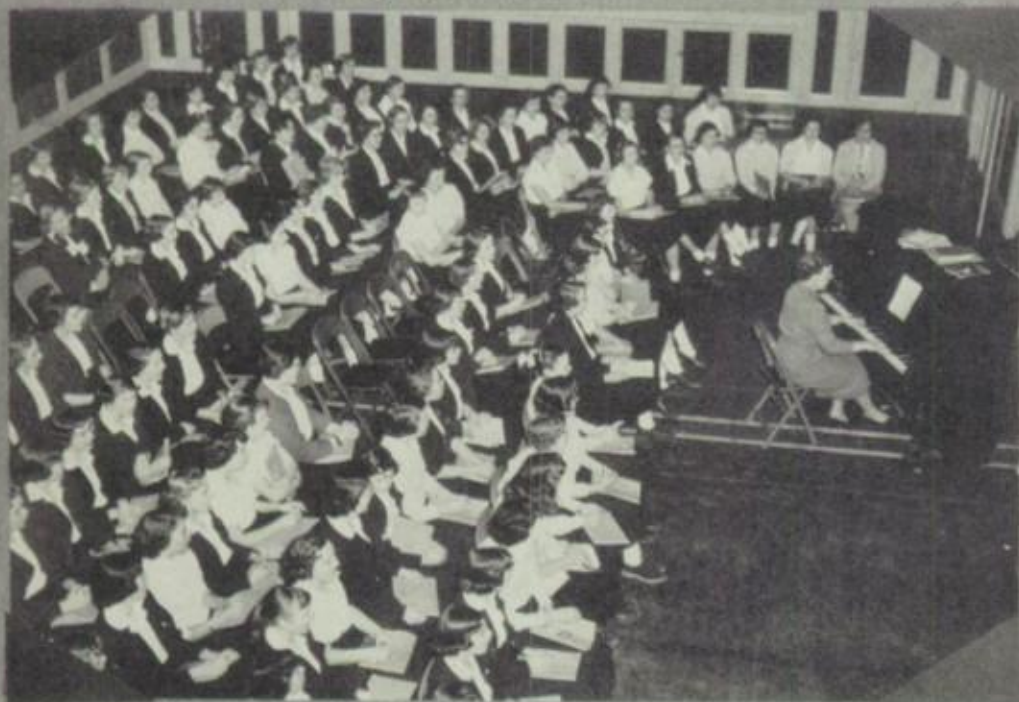
"Road to Knowledge"



"Food for Thought"



"Silent Night"



"Strange music to the ears"



"A Mark of Distinction"



"Never was so much decided by so few"



Square Dancing

Varsity Basketball



Varsity Hockey





Intramural Sports Club



Mrs. Horning

G
Y
M

Northfield League

Northfield is our spiritual fellowship. As Chaucer's pilgrims were united in friendship because of a common destination, our Northfield meetings unite us in one brotherhood. At our meetings we have men who have made great pilgrimages speak to us and help us prepare for our own. We try to make this verse a part of our lives:

*"Behold how good and how pleasant it is
For brethren to dwell together in unity!"*

—Psalm 135:1

S. P.





Art Club

All the members of our journey interested in art participate in the work of the art club. Some of the girls have a natural talent for drawing, and others have not; but all learn something new. More important than the finished product is the experience they gain working together with people who share their interest. The girls do charcoal sketches and watercolor drawings, fashion designs and their own Christmas cards. Everyone enjoys trying to become a modern day Raphael.

S. P.



Mrs. Stover



Junior Dramatic Club



Dramatic Club



Mrs. Wilmurt

Those who wish to plan careers in drama and those who join in speech activities merely for pleasure find the dramatic club an interesting extra-curricular activity. Under the leadership of Mrs. Arthur Wilmurt, the members gain theatrical knowledge and background as well as beneficial training in diction and speech. Among the activities of the year are various speech exercises and preliminary dramatic training, the selection and presentation of a spring production, and a trip to Carnegie Tech to see the annual Shakespearean presentation.

B. G.

Senior Dramatic Club





Mrs. Kress



Junior Glee Club

Special Glee Club



Glee Club

Under the direction of Mrs. Kress, singing keeps us in high spirits along our journey. After many weeks of hard practice, we have concerts with Kiski and our own Christmas program at the Twentieth Century Club. In accordance with a Winchester custom, on Valentines Day our fathers join us for a good old-fashioned song-fest followed by an interesting talk by Dean Moor or Miss Philput. In March we have our annual concert with Shadyside Academy and in April all the glee clubs present for our parents and friends the songs we have sung throughout the year.

D. S.



SENIOR GLEE CLUB



CLUBS



"And for to play when
all our tasks are doone"

Class Will

We, the Seniors, being of sound mind and body, do hereby bequeath:
To the Eighth Grade: May Day and what lies ahead.
To the Ninth Grade: Three Hour examinations.
To the Tenth Grade: The Junior Prom.
To the Juniors: Senior lunch room and whatever weight reducing scheme they may devise.
To the Faculty: "Forty-three Variations on the Theme of a Uniform" and our deepest and most sincere appreciation.
To the School: A parking lot.

As individuals:

Libby Anthon leaves a ticket to Toronto and Rudy to Joan.
Jeanne Arthur leaves her skeleton to the W.T. Biology Lab.
Kiki Bahr leaves her parking space beside the fire plug to the next year's late arrival.
Nancy Berryman leaves her carefully hidden seat behind the wall to some deserving Junior.
Beni Biggard leaves her desk blotter to the future occupant of her seat in Senior Study Hall.
Bobbie Blackburn leaves her seven-year-old oxfords to some deserving Freshman.
Peggy Brown leaves her "jump tunes" to Betty Trinkaus.
Sarah Buchanan leaves for Philadelphia.
Gini Burns leaves a roll of adhesive tape to Mary Henry.
Mary Christner leaves the driving(?) to school to Judy Frank.
Suzie Ecker leaves Linda Goorin a "Leo"pard to kill.
Vinnie Fichtel leaves the 38" hockey stick to Margo.
Alice Gault leaves the front Senior table to some unfortunate Junior.
Darin Geise leaves Nancy Riester all the boys except one.
Betsy Gott leaves a year's record of 19 books to another new W.T. Senior.
Sally Helsel leaves her "misspelled" words to Mrs. Gordon and Mrs. Shupp.
Rita Herman leaves her parking problem to Jeannie Murdoch.
Patsy Kappel leaves her seat in the back of Study Hall to some fortunate Junior.
Jean Kent leaves her jeep to W.T.
Sally Lewis leaves her blind dates to anyone with a sense of humor.
Judi Marshall leaves her "fabulous diets" to Sidly Smith.
Barb Messer leaves in a black convertible.
Sandy Metz leaves Sally McQuiston and Sidly Smith to fight over who is the tallest girl in school.
Liz Mirsky leaves her hair ribbons to anyone who intends to grow a pony tail.
Bobbie Moritz leaves Linda Goorin without a shoulder to cry on.
Sue Parker leaves peace and quiet to the teachers.
Jean Paul leaves her trip to Youngstown to any other good W.T. girls.
Polly Richardson leaves Princeton to the Rev. Mr. Chester and Kenyon to Dean Moor.
Janet Rothman leaves Friday morning singing to someone who can carry a tune.
Sharon Ruttenberg leaves all the slippery floors in Senior Study Hall to some brave Junior.
Sue Safier leaves Barby a lonely walk to school.
Ann Sander leaves her box seat in Study Hall overlooking exciting Fifth Avenue.
Nan Scholnick leaves her job as general song and skit writer to Linda Goorin.
Dana Spicer leaves her hectic ride in the school station wagon to anyone brave enough to take the risk.
Dotsie Squires leaves her ballet slippers to Nancy Diamond.
Fay Steinbart leaves the Fox Chapel—W.T. Free Taxi Service to Frannie Blasdell.
Bea Venable leaves her long ride home to some other unfortunate W.T. girl.
Louise Waterman leaves 32 red easy chairs to Senior Study Hall.
Joy Weiss leaves her long ride home to some deserving Junior.
Katie Westervelt leaves the telephone to Cordy.
Suzie White leaves!!
Sue Williams leaves her long distance telephone calls to the Bell Telephone Company.
Brenda Wise leaves her collection of favorite fibs to be used on future gullible W.T. girls.



Susan Parker	"Sue"	To attend an Ivy League college.	Liz suggestions.	Her scholarly interest checks.	Why?	"Make Believe"
Jean Paul	"Froggie"	To have red-headed twins.	In her Buick.	Her first horse show ribbon.	Oh, brother!	"Auf Wiedersein"
Polly Richardson	"Polly"	To keep her feet on the floor and face forward in Mme.'s room.	Counting days.	Orange and black train tickets.	I'm no one to talk girls, but . . .	"Dark is the Night"
Janet Rothman	"Robin"	To be a dean for a day.	Talking to Nancy Berryman in study hall.	Her canary.	Brenda, are you sure that's exactly what happened?	"Love Walked In"
Sharon Ruttenberg	"Rudi"	To be an opera singer.	Lying in the middle of the hockey field.	Her "cat" shoes.	I would like to ask a question.	"Til the End of Time"
Susan Safier	"Susie"	To play the guitar.	Trying to blow up chemistry lab.	A trip to the Knob.	Enough is too much.	"Tea for Two"
Anne Sander	"Annie"	To do Miss Jones' exercises.	Writing letters.	Ben.	Will you fix my knitting, Miss Chalfant?	"All the Things You Are"
Nancy Scholnick	"Nan"	To listen in on a Friday morning teacher's meeting.	Solving other people's problems.	Her diary.	Kiki, I have piles to tell you!	"Love is Here to Stay"
Dana Spicer	Dana	To graduate.	Walking in late to study hall.	The hamsters that Peggy is going to give her.	Anyone know how to play bridge?	"Tenderly"
Fay Steinbart	"Babee"	To be a jazz singer.	Going to the bank.	Her <i>elegant chapeau</i> .	I'll never speak to him again!	"Frankie and Johnny"
Dorothy Squires	"Dotsie"	To join the navy.	Looking for the male.	The car.	May I have a ride home with you?	"Stranger in Paradise"
Beatrice Venable	"Bea"	To put moustaches on posters.	Sleeping in study hall.	A certain Southerner.	(She's the silent type)	"Blue Moon"
Louise Waterman	"Myrtle"	To write a profound English essay.	Singing in study hall.	An autographed picture from the 1953 Princeton Triangle Show.	I don't understand.	"The Long Black Rifle"
Joy Weiss	"Joi"	To get her M.R.S. Degree.	Writing to the armed forces.	Mother and Dad.	I'm sick.	"Eternally"
Catherine Westervelt	"Katie"	To wear braces and glasses.	Settling problems.	John Malone's admiration.	The most terrible thing happened!	"Begin the Beguine"
Zenaide White	"Susie"	To get her brother a baby sitter.	Doing last week's Latin.	Her first learner's permit.	Does he have any handsome friends?	"Begin the Beguine"
Susan Williams	"Willie"	To be a "deer".	Swimming (member of the Eskimo Club).	Beach picture taken in Maine.	This will kill you!	"Don't Blame Me"
Brenda Wise	Brenda	To live on pizza.	Having brilliant discussions with Nancy S.	Her lower school report cards.	But Janet, this time I'm not kidding!	"New Moon"

<i>Name</i>	<i>Nickname</i>	<i>Suppressed Desire</i>	<i>Usually Found</i>	<i>Most Treasured Possession</i>	<i>Always Says</i>	<i>Favorite Song</i>
Elizabeth Anthon	"Libby"	To raise Japanese Dwarf trees with Suzy.	Talking about Mia and Mark.	Her aunthood and her middle name.	I'm sick and tired of being sick and tired.	"September in the Rain"
Jeanne Arthur	Jeanne	To catch a certain boy's voice on a tape recorder.	In a Buick.	P. S.—a sweater.	I got a letter.	"Tenderly"
Anne Bahr	"Kiki"	To gain weight.	Looking for something to eat.	Senior class ring.	Did you get any mysterious calls last night, Nan?	"Carolina Moon"
Nancy Berryman	"Berry"	To let her hair grow.	Talking to Janet in study hall.	Tom's ring.	Do you have the car today, Fay?	"September Song"
Benita Biggard	"Beni"	To marry a trillionaire.	In bed.	Her "Monster".	I'm not in the mood.	"Dancing in the Dark"
Roberta Blackburn	"Bobbie"	To get her driver's license.	Sleeping.	Don's ring.	I'm hungry! What do we have to eat?	"Always"
Margaret Brown	"Peggy"	To have long hair.	Laughing.	A certain fraternity pin.	I'm serious!	"The Nearness of You"
Sarah Buchanan	Sarah	To have school two days a week.	In need of a date.	Her dog "Mai".	I got a letter.	"No Other Love"
Virginia Burns	"Gini"	To get her M.R.S.' Degree.	Reading "his" letters.	Bill's ring.	We've been going steady for —yearsmos.days.	"At Last"
Mary Christner	Mary	To be a good roller skater.	With Dan.	A certain ring.	It scared the wits out of me!	"Count Every Star"
Suzanne Ecker	"Eck"	To speak French fluently with Madame and Miss Fisher.	Putting Harvard stickers on study hall pictures.	Her glasses.	I'm so upset!	"You'll Never Walk Alone"
Virginia Fichtel	"Vinnie"	To hit a softball through one of the house windows.	On the hockey field or basketball court.	Car keys—when she gets them.	You're going to be replaced!	"You'll Never Walk Alone"
Alice Gault	"Al"	To join the army.	Laughing at the wrong time.	R. M. A. ring.	What am I going to do?	"I Hear Music"
Darin Geise	"Kitten"	To go to a college weekend.	In Highland Park.	A certain picture.	Nothing!	"When Day is Done"
Elizabeth Gott	"Betsy"	To smoke a pipe.	In a confused state of mind.	Letters from Washington, D. C.	Let's not get carried away!	"Blue Moon"
Sally Helsel	"Sal"	To blow up Chemistry lab.	Ice skating.	A white teddy bear.	Well, that's the way it goes!	"Body and Soul"
Rita Herman	"Ta-ta"	Wouldn't you like to know?	Playing bridge.	The "Fire Engine".	I'm sure!	"Fools Rush In"
Patricia Kappel	"Patsy"	To slide down the W. T. banister.	Riding in her car.	The doggie in the window.	Ask your father again if he wants to be a patron!	"Just One of Those Things"
Jean Kent	"Peanuts"	Censored	Riding.	Louise's dresser.	Done-e-e-e!	"Black Magic"
Sally Lewis	"Sal"	To be in a Princeton Triangle Show.	Going by the Delt house.	Garage door.	I don't get your meaning.	"Sing, Sing, Sing"
Judith Marshall	"Jay"	To give up men.	Looking out the bathroom window.	Ma. 1-4509.	But there's something different about this one!	"Always True to You Darlin' in My Fashion"
Barbara Messer	"Barb"	To be a photographer.	Talking about Dick.	Pi Lambda Phi pin.	Oie!	"'Til the End of Time"
Sandra Metz	"Sandy"	To break a leg instead of an arm.	Riding around in a certain green M. C.	The "Red Flash".	Don't get shook up!	"Song from Moulin

BRENDA BLAKE WISE

Entered: V

Activities: Dramatic Club IX; Glee Club X, XI, XII; Special Glee Club X, XI, XII; Intramural Sports Club IX, X, XI, XII; Junior Varsity Basketball IX; Varsity Basketball Manager X; Varsity Hockey XI, XII; Northfield League IX, X, XI, XII; Cartwheelers XII; Secretary XI.

Preparing for: Vassar

"The imagination governs the universe."



SENIOR HYMN

Now the day is over
Night is drawing nigh,
Shadows of the evening
Steal across the sky.

Jesus, give the weary
Calm and sweet repose,
With thy tenderest blessing
May our eyelids close.

When the morning wakens,
Then may we arise
Pure and fresh and sinless
In thy holy eyes.



CATHERINE WESTERVELT

Entered: IX

Activities: Art Club XII; Dramatic Club IX, X, XI; Intramural Sports Club IX, X, XI, XII; Junior Varsity Basketball IX; Varsity Basketball X; Varsity Hockey X, XI, XII; Northfield League XII; Cartwheelers X, XI, XII; President IX, XI; *Thistledown* Business Manager XII.

Preparing for: Bryn Mawr

"Humility is the foundation of all virtue."

ZENAIDE WHITE

Entered: XI

Activities: Glee Club XI, XII; Special Glee Club XI, XII; Special Glee Club XI, XII; Intramural Sports Club XI, XII; Northfield League XII; Cartwheelers XII.

Preparing for: Undecided

"Patience and gentleness is power."



SUSAN GAIL WILLIAMS

Entered: VI

Activities: Art Club IX; Glee Club X, XI, XII; Intramural Sports Club IX, X, XI, XII; Northfield League XII; Cartwheelers XII.

Preparing for: Undecided

"Deep brown eyes running over with glee."

BEATRICE VENABLE

Entered: IX

Activities: Junior Glee Club IX; Glee Club X, XI, XII; Special Glee Club X, XI, XII; Northfield League XII; Cartwheelers XI, XII.

Preparing for: Agnes Scott

"Thy voice is a celestial melody."



LOUISE WATERMAN

Entered: X

Activities: Art Club X, XI; Dramatic Club X, XII; Intramural Sports Club XI; Northfield League XII; Cartwheelers XI, XII.

Preparing for: Middlebury

"Life is a joke that's just begun."

JOY WEISS

Entered: IX

Activities: Junior Glee Club IX; Glee Club X, XI, XII; Special Glee Club X, XI, XII; Intramural Sports Club IX, X, XII; Northfield League IX; Cartwheelers XII.

Preparing for: Mt. Vernon

"The rule of my life is to make business a pleasure and pleasure my business."





DANA JUNE SPICER

Entered: X

Activities: Art Club X, XII; Dramatic Club X, XI, XII; Glee Club XI; Special Glee Club XI; Intramural Sports Club X, XI, XII; Northfield League XI, XII; Cartwheelers XII.

Preparing for: Undecided

*"Golden hair, like sunlight streaming
On the marble of her shoulder."*

DOROTHY M. SQUIRES

Entered: IX

Activities: Junior Glee Club IX; Glee Club X, XI, XII; Special Glee Club X, XI, XII; Intramural Sports Club IX, X, XII; Northfield League XI, XII; Cartwheelers X, XI, XII.

Preparing for: Allegheny

"All things come round to him who will but wait."



FAY LOUISE STEINBART

Entered: IX

Activities: Art Club XI; Dramatic Club IX, X; Glee Club XII; Special Glee Club XII; Intramural Sports Club IX, XII; Northfield League XII; Cartwheelers XI, XII; Treasurer XII.

Preparing for: Vassar

"In the power of thought, the magic of the mind."

SUSAN SAFIER

Entered: X

Activities: Dramatic Club X, XI, XII; Intramural Sports Club XI, XII; Northfield League XI, XII; Cartwheelers XI, XII; *Thistledown* Editor XII.

Preparing for: Bryn Mawr

*"And still they gazed; and still the wonder grew,
That one small head should carry all she knew."*



ANNE CONVERSE SANDER

Entered: XI

Activities: Dramatic Club XI; Northfield League XII.

Preparing for: Undecided

"Moderation, the noblest gift of heaven."

NANCY ELLEN SCHOLNICK

Entered: V

Activities: Junior Glee Club IX; Glee Club X, XI, XII; Special Glee Club X, XI, XII; Intramural Sports Club IX, X, XII; Northfield League X, XI, XII; Cartwheelers XII; Vice-President XI; *Thistledown* Literary Editor XII.

Preparing for: Wellesley

*"Loveliness needs not the foreign aid of ornament,
But is when unadorned, adorned the most."*





POLLY DELL RICHARDSON

Entered: VIII

Activities: Dramatic Club IX, X, XI; Glee Club XII; Intramural Sports Club IX, X, XII; Junior Varsity Basketball Manager IX; Northfield League X, XII; Cartwheelers X, XI, XII; Secretary X; President XII.

Preparing for: Mt. Holyoke

"The countless gold of a merry heart."

JANET ROBIN ROTHMAN

Entered: VIII

Activities: Art Club XII; Dramatic Club X, XI; Intramural Sports Club X, XI; Junior Varsity Basketball IX; Northfield XII; Cartwheelers XII; Secretary XII.

Preparing for: Wellesley

"Beauty and wisdom are rarely conjoined."



SHARON PAULA RUTTENBERG

Entered: IX

Activities: Junior Glee Club IX; Glee Club X, XI, XII; Special Glee Club X, XI, XII; Northfield XII; Cartwheelers XII.

Preparing for: Vassar

"Few things are impossible to diligence and skill."

ROBERTA ANN MORITZ

Entered: IX

Activities: Art Club IX, X, XI, XII; Intramural Sports Club IX, X; Northfield League XI, XII; Cartwheelers XII; *Thistledown* Typing Editor XII.

Preparing for: Barnard

*"Wearing all that weight
Of learning lightly like a flower."*



SUSAN ALDWELL PARKER

Entered: IX

Activities: Art Club X, XI, XII; Dramatic Club IX; Intramural Sports Club IX, X, XI, XII; Northfield League XI, XII; Cartwheelers IX, X, XI, XII; Vice-president X; Northfield President XII.

Preparing for: Smith

"The face the index of a feeling mind."

JEAN JOSEPHINE PAUL

Entered: VIII

Activities: Dramatic Club IX, XII; Intramural Sports Club X.

Preparing for: Bethany College

*"More belongs to riding than a pair of
riding boots."*





BARBARA SUE MESSER

Entered: X

Activities: Dramatic Club X, XI; Intramural Sports Club X, XI, XII; Northfield League X.

Preparing for: Pennsylvania College for Women

"Steadiness is a quality much to be prized."

SANDRA ANN METZ

Entered: VIII

Activities: Junior Glee Club IX; Glee Club X, XI, XII; Special Glee Club X, XI, XII; Intramural Sports Club IX, X; Northfield League XII; Cartwheelers X, XI, XII; Secretary IX; Treasurer XI; *Thistledown* Treasurer XII.

Preparing for: Mt. Holyoke

*"A daughter of the gods, divinely tall,
And most divinely fair."*



ELISABETH MONICA MIRSKY

Entered: X

Activities: Dramatic Club X, XI, XII; Intramural Sports Club XI, XII; Varsity Hockey XII; Northfield League XI, XII; Cartwheelers XI, XII; *Thistledown* Photography Editor XII.

Preparing for: Carnegie Institute of Technology

*"Her mind possessed by an insatiable desire
to know the truth."*



JEAN DOROTHY KENT

Entered: XI

Activities: Art Club XI, XII; Glee Club XI; Intramural Sports Club XII.

Preparing for: Undecided

"What is so noble as the rider and the horse."



SALLY HATHAWAY LEWIS

Entered: XII

Activities: Dramatic Club XII; Northfield League XII; Cartwheelers XII.

Preparing for: Smith

"Magnificent spectacle of human happiness."

HELEN JUDITH MARHSALL

Entered: III; re-entered: XI

Activities: Art Club XI, XII; Glee Club XI, XII; Intramural Sports Club XII; Northfield League XI, XII; Cartwheelers XII.

Preparing for: Pennsylvania College for Women

"Tell me, what's Love?" said Youth, one day."





SALLY ANN HELSEL

Entered: VIII

Activities: Dramatic Club IX; Glee Club X, XI, XII; Special Glee Club X, XI, XII; Intramural Sports Club IX, X, XI, XII; Junior Varsity Basketball Captain X; Varsity Hockey XII; Northfield League IX, X, XII; Cartwheelers XII.

Preparing for: Western Reserve

"A willing mind makes a hard journey easy."

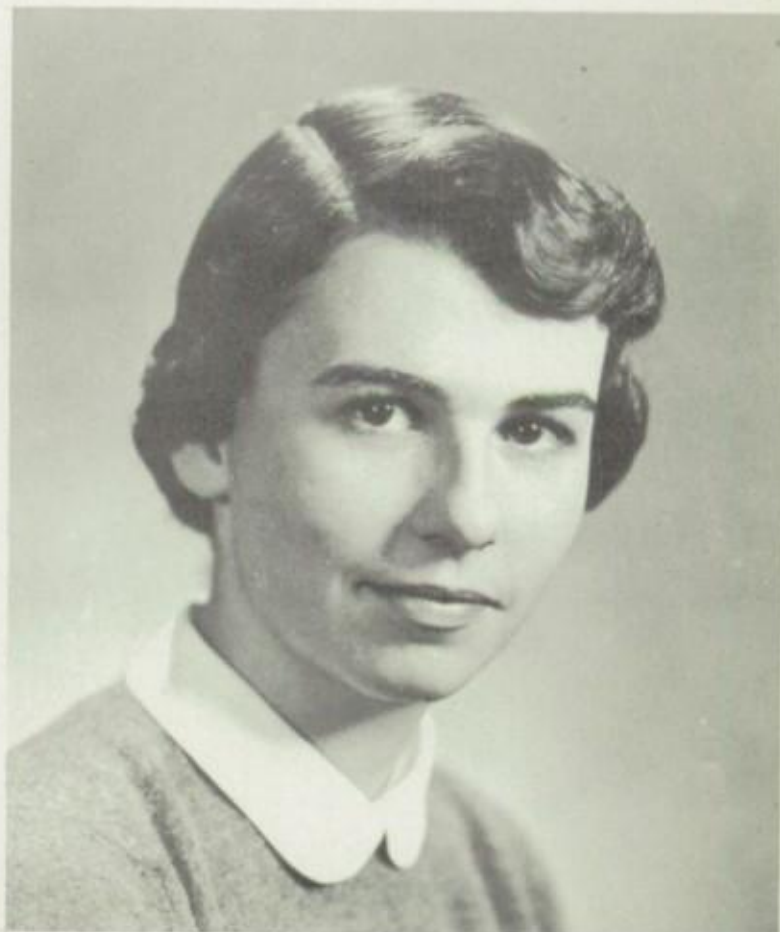
RITA MAE HERMAN

Entered: IX

Activities: Art Club IX, X, XI, XII; Intramural Sports Club IX, X, XII; Northfield League X, XI, XII.

Preparing for: Centenary Junior College

"There never was a heart truly great and generous that was not tender and compassionate."



PATRICIA ANN KAPPEL

Entered: VIII

Activities: Art Club IX, X; Glee Club X, XI, XII; Special Glee Club X, XI, XII; Intramural Sports Club IX, X, XI, XII; Junior Varsity Basketball IX; Northfield League X, XI, XII; Cartwheelers XI, XII.

Preparing for: Undecided

"To a young heart everything is sport."



ALICE GORMLY GAULT

Entered: X

Activities: Dramatic Club XII; Glee Club X, XI;
Special Glee Club X, XI; Cartwheelers XII.

Preparing for: Allegheny

*"Gently comes the world to those
That are cast in gentle mould."*



DARIN GEISE

Entered: Kindergarten; re-entered: VI.

Activities: Dramatic Club IX; Glee Club X, XI,
XII; Intramural Sports Club IX, X, XI, XII;
Junior Varsity Basketball IX; Varsity Basket-
ball XI; Northfield League IX, X, XI, XII; Cart-
wheelers X, XI, XII.

Preparing for: University of Pittsburgh

"Let those who always love now love the more."

ELIZABETH CARR GOTT

Entered: XII

Activities: Dramatic Club XII; Northfield League
XII; Cartwheelers XII.

Preparing for: Duke University.

"Earth's noblest thing: a woman perfected."





MARY CAROL CHRISTNER

Entered: XI

Activities: Glee Club XI, XII; Special Glee Club XI, XII; Northfield League XII; Cartwheelers XI.

Preparing for: Pennsylvania State University

"A lovely lady, garmented in light from her own beauty."

SUZANNE CAMILLE ECKER

Entered: VIII

Activities: Junior Glee Club IX; Glee Club X, XI, XII; Special Glee Club X, XI, XII; Intramural Sports Club IX, X, XI, XII; Junior Varsity Basketball IX; Northfield League X, XII; Cartwheelers XII; President X.

Preparing for: Wellesley

"Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm."



VIRGINIA TAYLOR FICHTEL

Entered: IX

Activities: Art Club IX, X; Dramatic Club XI, XII; Intramural Sports Club IX, X, XI, XII; Junior Varsity Basketball IX; Varsity Basketball X, XI; Varsity Hockey XI; Northfield League X.

Preparing for: Pennsylvania College for Women

"It is a good friend that is always giving."



MARGARET SEMPLE BROWN

Entered: IX

Activities: Dramatic Club IX; Glee Club X, XI, XII; Intramural Sports Club IX, X, XI, XII; Northfield League XI, XII; Cartwheelers X, XI, XII.

Preparing for: Lake Erie College for Women

"O, I am stabbed with laughter!"



SARAH ALICE BUCHANAN

Entered: XI

Activities: Glee Club XI, XII; Intramural Sports Club XI, XII; Northfield League XII; Cartwheelers XII.

Preparing for: Drexel Institute of Technology

"'Tis best to pause and think ere you rush on."

VIRGINIA LESTER BURNS

Entered: VIII

Activities: Art Club IX, X; Glee Club XI, XII; Northfield League XI, XII; Cartwheelers XII.

Preparing for: Katherine Gibbs Secretarial School

"The smile of her is like the dawn."





NANCY WARREN BERRYMAN

Entered: IX

Activities: Junior Glee Club IX; Glee Club X, XI, XII; Special Glee Club XI, XII; Intramural Sports Club IX, XI; Northfield League X, XII; Cartwheelers X, XI, XII; Treasurer X; Vice-President XII.

Preparing for: Carnegie Institute of Technology
"This angel hears the humblest human cry."

BENITA SONYA BIGGARD

Entered: IX

Activities: Junior Glee Club IX; Glee Club X, XI, XII; Intramural Sports Club IX, X, XI, XII; Northfield League XII; Cartwheelers XII; Treasurer IX.

Preparing for: Goucher

"A lady richly clad as she, beautiful exceedingly."



ROBERTA BLACKBURN

Entered: VIII

Activities: Art Club IX, X; Glee Club XI, XII; Intramural Sports Club X, XI, XII; Northfield League XI, XII; Cartwheelers XII.

Preparing for: Undecided

"A sweet attractive kind of grace"

ELIZABETH GEORGE ANTHON

Entered: IX

Activities: Art Club X; Glee Club IX, XI, XII;
Special Glee Club XII; Intramural Sports Club
IX, XII; Northfield League XII; Cartwheelers
XI, XII; *Thistledown* Art Editor XII.

Preparing for: Pennsylvania College for Women

*"A youth to whom was given
So much of earth, so much of heaven."*



JEANNE CATHERINE ARTHUR

Entered: XI

Activities: Glee Club XI, XII; Special Glee Club
XII; Intramural Sports Club XII; Northfield
League XII; Cartwheelers XI, XII.

Preparing for: Undecided

"Mischievous, thou art afoot"



ANNE ELIZABETH BAHR

Entered: IX

Activities: Glee Club X, XI, XII; Special Glee
Club X, XI, XII; Intramural Sports Club IX,
X, XI, XII; Northfield League XII; Cartwheel-
ers XII.

Preparing for: Briarcliff Junior College

"As merry as the day is long"





"That he is gentil that doth
gentil dedis."

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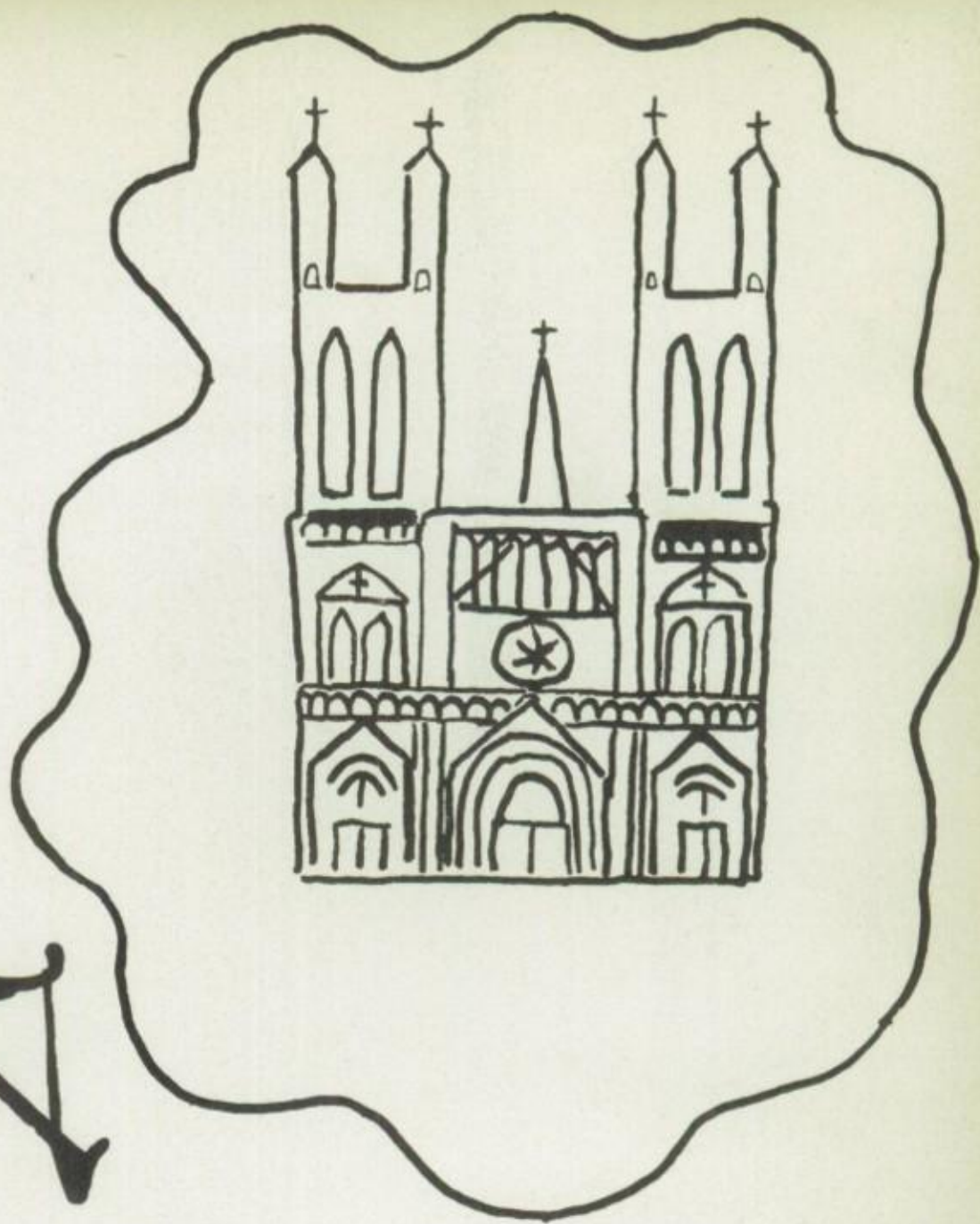
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 assay so hard, so sharp the conquering"



The House

At seven-thirty A. M. the stillness of the house is shattered by the ringing of the chimes at the bottom of the steps. At two minutes before eight the whole house is suddenly a cacophony of sound. Shrill cries of "Where's my skirt?", or "Wait for me!" pierce the air. At exactly eight o'clock nineteen pairs of oxford-clad feet troop down the stairs for breakfast. Beds are made hurriedly, yet somehow the rooms always manage to look neat and clean when the girls leave for school. After school the house girls participate in one of the extra-curricular activities. From five to six letter-writing, record-listening, and telephoning are the favorite pastimes. Dinner is at six, followed by two hours of study. After study hall milk and crackers are served and at ten o'clock when "lights out" rings, the tired girls climb into bed, ready for a good night's rest.

L. W.





Junior Prom





Left to right, first row: Suzanne Dressler, Betsy Forstall, Kristin Knabe, Virginia Demmler. *Second row:* Barbara Feldman, Joy Hilger, Ann Wright, Mary Minor, Melinda Brown, Isabel McNaugher, Ann McAbee. *Third row:* Frances Blasdell, Linda Goorin, Margo Chester, Nancy Riester, Marie Washburn, Beverlee

Simboli. *Fourth row:* Faith Wertz, Marlene Berman, Joan Trimmer, Sallie McQuiston, Lucile Thompson, Joan Aلتree, Susan Mallinger, Jeannie Murdoch. *Absent:* Connie Blum, Judith Frank, Elisabeth Petersen, Anne Spencer, Elizabeth Trinkaus.



Junior Class





Left to right, first row: Rosanne Isay, Gordon Hammond, Lynn Mapel, Susan Krieger. *Second row:* Diana Mullett, Peggy Jackson, Lois Silverblatt, Mary Clarkson, Beatrice Epstine, Lynne Crookston, Dorothy Cline, Marilyn Lippard, Holly Carlson, Sally Trumpeter. *Third row:* Betty Lou Douglas, Linda Thorpe, Myrna Katz, Linda Crow, Eleanor Donehoo, Mary Henry,

Sally Sharp, Jane Marshall, Robin McKinney, Carolyn Behrhorst, Nancy Welty. *Fourth row:* Jane Gault, Barbara Reif, Cathy Cable, Jane Hooton, Charlotte Crozier, Adrienne Rollit, Barbara Bollman, Nancy Cline, Kathy Warne, Selma Erving. *Absent:* Barbara Safier, Barbara Probst, Wendy Lusk, Betsy Casey.

Tenth Grade





Left to right, first row: Judy Stohr, Nancy Seip, Marcia McCleary, Phyllis Chinlund. *Second row:* Peggy Brenneman, Helen Donley, Martha Stocking, Nancy Donley, Carole Oswald, Betsy Moss, Jane Sachs, Carol Rosenbaum, Marilyn McAdams, Cordy Westervelt, Harriet Adler. *Third row:* Joan Giuliani, Patricia Reuter, Joan Anthony, Christie Campbell, Nancy Myers, Vicky Brittain, Barbara Easton, Debby Davison, Nann

Hegmann, Sally Guy, Jean Bergstrom, Jane Arensberg, Elaine Dupertuis, Ginny Willey, Marnie Murdoch, Barbara Dougan. *Fourth row:* Sue Feland, Susan Smallwood, Carol Wentley, Mary Succop, Sidly Smith, Patricia Kessler, Polly Pugsley, Betsy Green, Helen Lee Henerson, Linda Kulp, Nancy Diamond, Judy Rohrer, Betsy Smelzer, Judi Bond, Ann Jones. *Absent:* Anne Ridinger, Becky Ashe.

Ninth Grade





Left to right, first row: Kathy Horner, Linda Ruttenberg, Susan Demmler, Johnston Williams. *Second row:* Gray Fitch, Joanne Johnston, Judy Goldstein, Judy Ellenbogen, Barbara Berkman, Judy Tynberg, Anna Larson, Marjorie Morgan. *Third row:* Judy Walton, Peggy Acklin, Phyllis Ferguson, Marion Cancelliere,

Elizabeth Birmingham, Mimi Epstine, Marilyn Wilson, Susan Egmore, Sandra Shephard. *Fourth row:* Diana McCloskey, Judith Franklin, Linda Isaly, Betsy Warne, Carolyn James, Susan Pekruhn, Mimi Lusk, Patty Wright, Pat Ruslander.

Eighth Grade



Faculty

MINISTERS

Sitting: The Rev. Mr. Barker, Dean Moor, Canon Wilson, Dr. Moseley. *Standing:* The Rev. Mr. Rollit, The Rev. Mr. Muhl.

The Rev. Mr. Muhl.



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Miss Burkhouse, Miss Ellis, Mrs. Pounds.

FRENCH AND LATIN

Mrs. Lissfelt, Miss Dunlevy, Mrs. Washburn, Mme. Yagodkin, Miss Fisher.





ENGLISH AND HISTORY

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Standing: Miss Lytle, Miss Chalfant, Mrs. Gordon.

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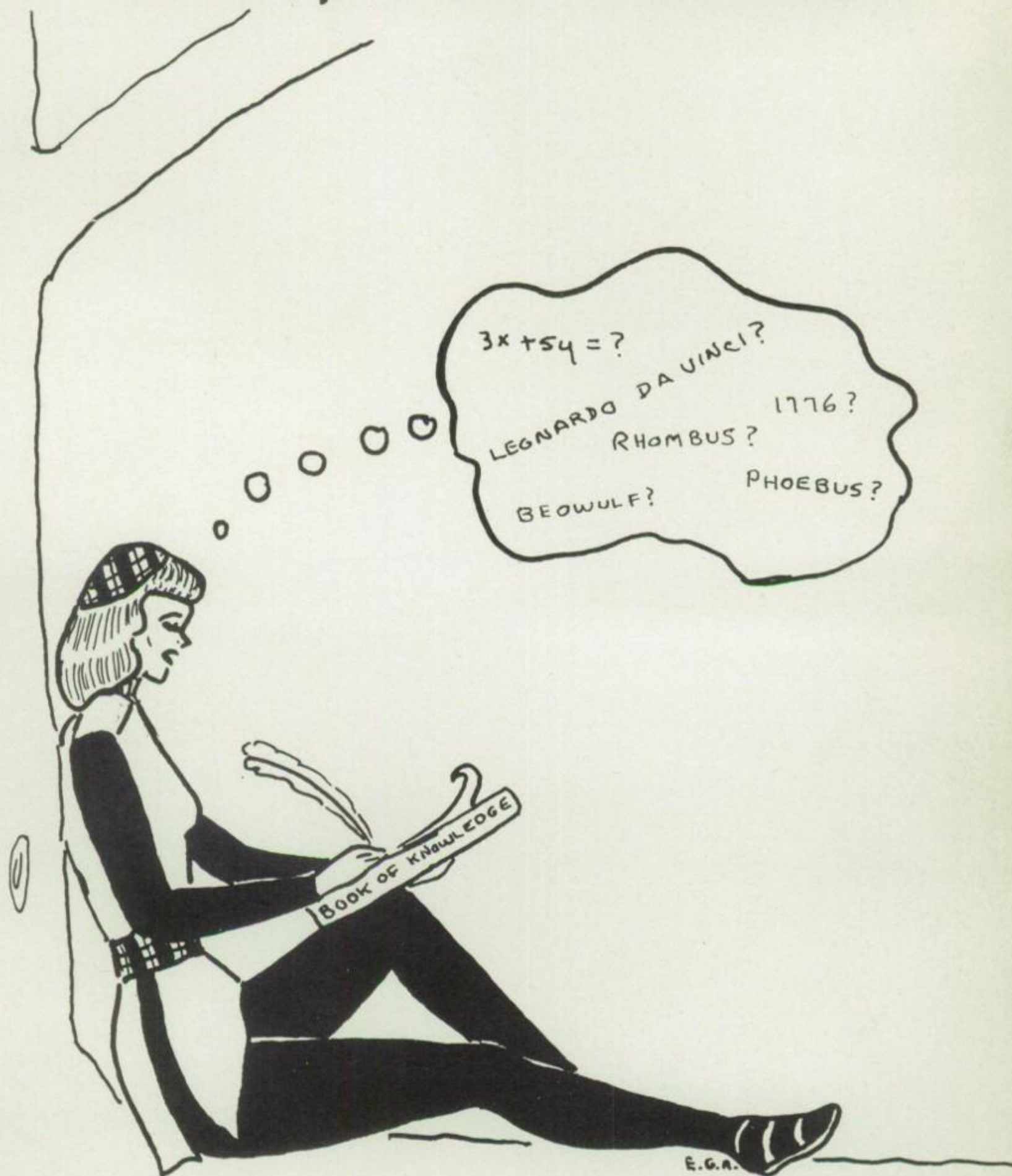
Mrs. Gracey, Mrs. Wheeler.



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UPPER SCROLL



and we, the largest portion of the whole"





Seventh Grade

Left to right, first row: Duffie Phillips, Jennifer Chinlund, Judith Getty, Carolyn Clark. *Second row:* Elizabeth Fulton, Rachel Knabe, Lynn Mirsky, Judy Thomas, Lynne Voelp, Patty Wallace. *Third row:* Cynthia Rosenberg, Emily Crandall, Helen Crozier, Lynne Cline, Ann Cline, Donna Gow, Toni Nesbitt. *Fourth row:* Susan Pascoe, Muriel Jennings, Barbara Bair, Nancy Pascoe, Patricia Barnes, Anne McParland, Lynn Stevens, Mimi Brainard.

Sitting: Mrs. Houston. *Standing:* Mrs. Nicholson, Miss Zeigler, Mrs. Sterling, Mrs. Hoehn, Mrs. Frey, Miss Wagner, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Holzworth.

Shirley M. Holzworth

The Faculty

Mrs. Anna L. Nicholson
Ed. W. Hoehn
Miss Sterling



Fourth Grade

Left to right: Ellen Lehman, Magaret Sloan, Beatrice Haines, Mary Alice Henninger, Gaye Barker, Judith Heyer, Harriet Rosenberg, Nancy Ward, Farley Phillips, Jane Simpson, Carole Kant. *Absent:* Susan Shapira.



Fifth Grade

Left to right, first row: Mary Jo Ikel, Constance Chalfant, Susan Berkman, Bonnie Ross. *Second row:* Gretchen Beyerl, Martha Goorin, Eileen Maclair, Rebecca Reed. *Third row:* Diane Kessler, Sally Skillman, Emily Moore, Judith Voelp. *Fourth row:* Jane Egmore, Lee Phillips, Virginia Thomas, Elizabeth McParland. *Absent:* Judith Balph.

Sixth Grade

Left to right, seated: Susan Wolfe, Chrissie Hoffman, Craigie Succop, Molly Witherow, Laurie McIlroy, Nancy Beyerl, Eda Hommel, Louise Warrick, Justine Pivrotto, Ellen Diamondstone. *Standing:* Donne Erving, Sally Otto, Linda Beauregard, Constance Cole, Betsy Schmeltzer, Susan Crip.





Second Grade

Left to right, seated: Barbara Sloan, Carole Haskell, Madeleine Hays, Penny Yeo, Judy Emler, Marga Matheny. *Standing:* Susan Finkel, Carolyn Sharp, Barbara Simpson, Julia Willey, Sara James, Vicky Berg, Anne Diamondstone, Margot Hill, Jeannette Wright, Frannie Jo Gitnick. *Absent:* Joyce Griffith, Jeanne Horner.

Third Grade

Left to right: Susan Sharp, Betty Wolfe, Penny Foster, Susan Reed, Linda Follansbee, Nancy Chester, Linda Kaufman. *Absent:* Missy Sherman.



Kindergarten

Left to right, first row: Sallie Anne Irvin, Buffie Robbins, Margaret Storer. *Second row:* Sukie Propst, Jiji Reed, Sandra Smeltzer, Julia Thomas, Kate Tynberg, Susan Miller, Miss Florence Caldwell. Absent: Nancy Beery.

Mrs. McCune, Linda Gurson, Martha McFarland, Susan Beery, Joyce Klingensmith, Joyce Mullhaser, Dale Spear, Susan Cohen, Nancy Matheny, Brenda Smith, Ann Messer, Anne Parkin, Roseann Sullivan. Absent: Julia Rolit.



First Grade

Left to right, first row: Jean Robertson, Lucy Miller, Suzanne Costa, Karen Witherow, Cathy Cline. *Second row:* Anne Wright, Marion Heard, Joanne Lehman, Sally Rohrer, Joyce Kloss, Helen Mar Parkin, Peggy Lou Stubbs, Marilyn Williams, Perky Chester. Absent: Lucy Huddell.



OWER SCHOOL



proverb saith that many a smale maketh a grate



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“And we, the tellers of this litel tale.”



Dedication



MISS ELMIRA DUNLEVY

“And gladly wolde she lerne, and gladly teche.”

In her unselfish desire to share her knowledge and understanding of the finest of men's works, one member of our pilgrimage has made our adventures in literature pleasurable as well as valuable. She has helped us to discover the humor of Chaucer, the imagery of Spenser, and the epic beauty of Virgil. In her is a sincerity of purpose that has inspired in all who learn a love of knowledge. With her guidance we have relived the past and have learned to appreciate the beauty and value of its works. So that others may know her and love her as we do, the Seniors dedicate the 1954 *Thistledown* to Miss Elmira Dunlevy . . . our teacher and friend.

N. S.

In Memoriam



MELISSA THORN MOORE

Born: August 20, 1937

Died: March 10, 1954

One short sleep past, we take eternally,
And Death shall be no more: Death, thou shalt die!

—John Donne

Winchester's Student Council is made up of the officers of the five upper school classes, who represent the student body, in conference with the faculty and school directors. As Chaucer's Canterbury Pilgrims needed someone to guide them on their way, every group must have leaders to take the initiative and to direct various projects. The girls who are members of the Student Council feel that it is their first task to set a good example for the rest of the school and to be responsible representatives of the student body.

N. B.



Student Council



Administration

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Standing: Dean Moor. *Seated:* Miss Philput, Mrs. Houston, Mrs. Hovey.



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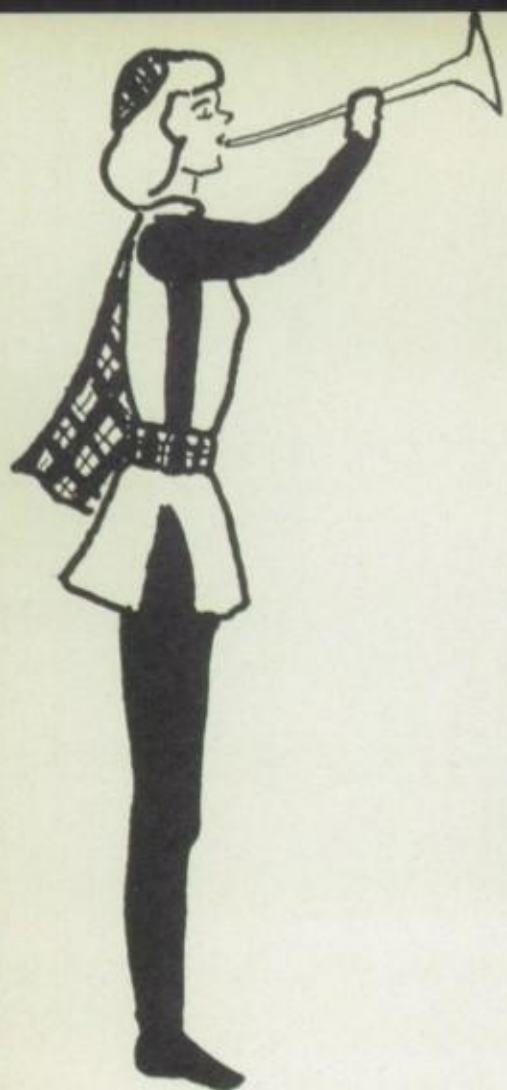


Buying of the School

Our pilgrimage of faith in the future will be possible only if we are able to leave behind us a secure past . . . a permanent place of learning from whose portals will come those schooled to follow us. Miss Alice Thurston and Doctor Mary A. Graham Mitchell laid educational foundations by establishing the Thurston and Winchester schools. In nineteen hundred and thirty-five, these schools were consolidated to form the Winchester-Thurston School. Then, in the year nineteen hundred and fifty-three, dreams and aspirations became reality when Winchester-Thurston was purchased from the Mitchell estate by a non-profit organization composed of distinguished alumnae and friends. To Mr. Arthur E. Braun, prominent civic leader; Mrs. Vincent Dwyer, Jr., alumnae president; and Mrs. Franklin Hoffman, former alumnae president, much credit is due for the fund drive and the creation of the new corporation. Funds for the purchase were raised in donations and pledges by the Winchester-Thurston School Incorporated, a newly chartered group with a distinguished thirty-member board of trustees, aided by parents, friends of the school, pupils and alumnae.

It is with great satisfaction that the class of nineteen hundred and fifty-four leaves Winchester-Thurston knowing that her pillared portals are now and will remain a part of a secure temple of knowledge. The success of the founders' work on behalf of the school was evidenced by the great interest shown in the future of Winchester-Thurston by civic leaders, prominent citizens, alumnae, and friends. To those who have made this security possible, we now express our deep appreciation.

B. G.



Tribute



MRS. VINCENT C. DWYER, JR.
President of Winchester-Thurston
Alumnae Association



Had it not been for their suggestion, the purchase of Winchester-Thurston by its friends might never have been seriously considered. Had they not worked zealously and given generously of their time and money, the transfer might not have been completed. A group of women have made it possible for us, the pupils of Winchester-Thurston, to continue our pilgrimage, rich in spiritual and intellectual experiences, dedicated to womanly earnestness, to dignity, and to the consideration of others. Their representatives comprise at least one third of the Board of

Trustees, which has been organized to advise in the various functions of the school's business and administration.

The group of which we are speaking is the Alumnae Association of the Winchester-Thurston School. And it is to this association that the 1954 *Thistledown* is proud to pay tribute.

Indeed the 1954 class stands at a unique place in the history of the school: the place where the old and the new merge. We know that upon graduation our usefulness to Winchester-Thurston will only be beginning. We who "longen to goone on pilgrimages" will join a pilgrimage whose members are alumnae and whose goal is the perpetuation of the Winchester-Thurston "family."

And we will "bigan with right a myrie cheere"

Our pilgrimage as Alumnae nexte yeare.

For we, the Seniors, all rejoice to take our places in the ranks of the Alumnae, to share their fellowship, and to do our part in continuing their tradition of loyal devotion.

S. S.



"THINK ALSO OF THE COMFORTS AND THE RIGHTS OF OTHERS"

ALMA MATER

*In thy pillared portals, faith and knowledge grow;
From thy grounds and hallways, fun and fellowship glow,
Lift we hearts and voices, Alma Mater to thee,
Symbol of our ideals, dear old W. T.
Symbol of our ideals, dear old W. T.*

*Long may we remember, looking backward to thee,
Inspirations you've brought us, courage, loyalty;
Raise we all our voices, our hearts beckon to thee;
Through the years we ask this, make us worthy of thee,
Symbol of our ideals, dear old W. T.*

Foreword

We have chosen to use Geoffrey Chaucer's *The Canterbury Tales* as the theme of the 1954 *Thistledown* because the pilgrims and the pilgrimage seem to parallel the whole plan and purpose of Winchester-Thurston.

Each pilgrim had his own characteristics and his own story, but without all the pilgrims and their stories, *The Canterbury Tales* could not have been complete, nor could Chaucer have created a literary masterpiece which is real and alive today.

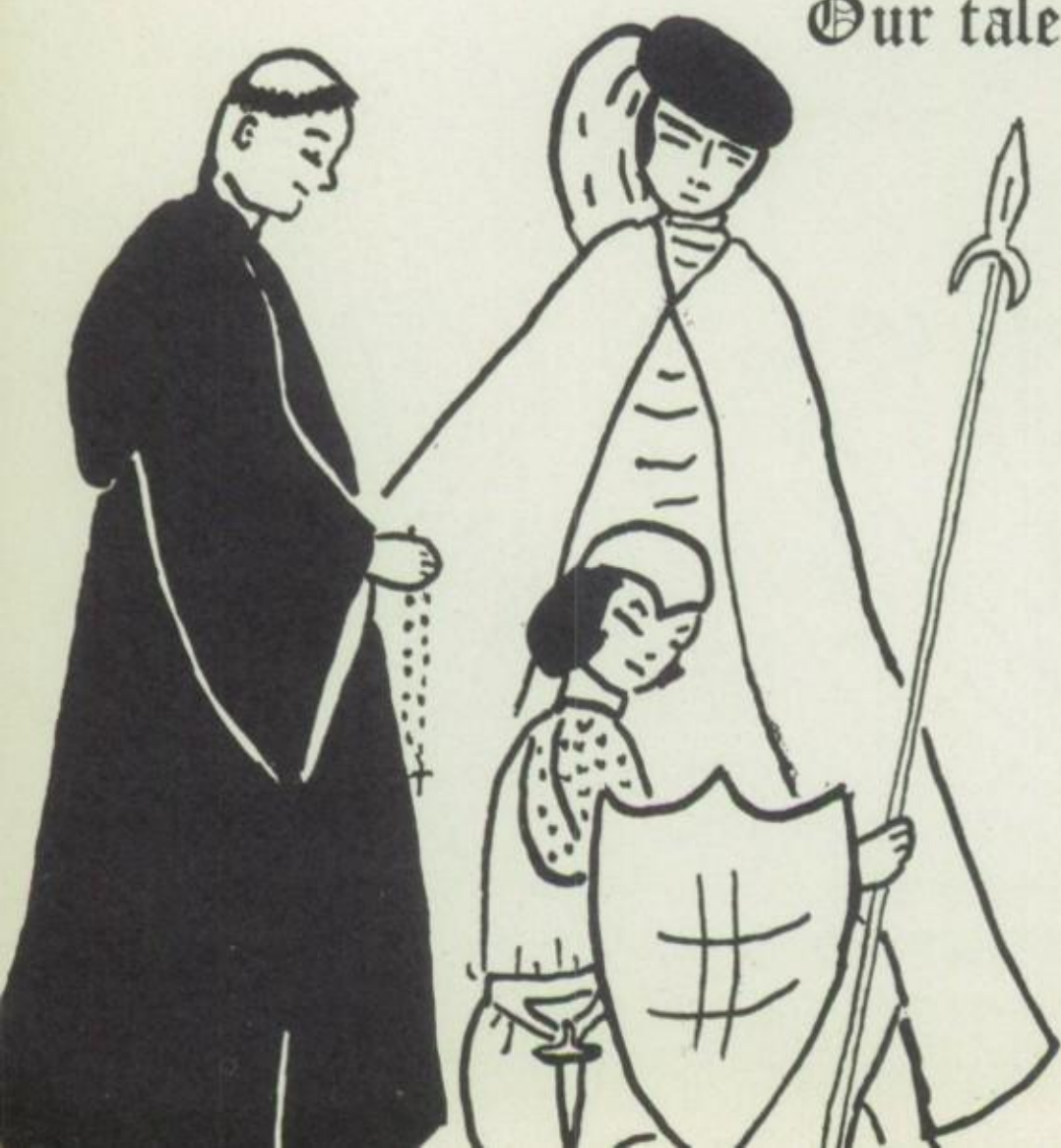
In Winchester-Thurston the pupils and the teachers are the pilgrims. Each has her own traits which make her interesting to travel with. The curriculum and the activities may be compared to the individual tales which add variety to the journey and help us to attain our objective: to become useful individuals. The stories that the teachers tell are of Latin, French, English, History, Science, and Mathematics—of homework and tests. Each class tells of dances and parties. We have stops along the way when we learn of art, music, and dramatics. Chapel and Northfield add a religious element to the journey. And when we are tired of listening to stories, we can exercise our bodies in gym.

The basic thought with which our pilgrimage is constantly traveling is, "Think also of the comforts and the rights of others." When we have achieved this, we have reached one of the goals in our lives—the goal which Chaucer likened to the Canterbury cathedral.

Chaucer never finished his *Canterbury Tales*, he never awarded a prize to the best story because there was none. So it is with Winchester-Thurston. There cannot be any prize for the best part, for it is only within the whole that perfection can be achieved.

S. S.

"And we begin with right a mery chere
Our tale anon, and seyde in this manere."



The 1954

Thistledown

Presented by the Senior Class
Winchester-Thurston School
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania



Bonnie Ross

To Bonnie
Roses are Red
Violets are Blue
Lageria is sweet
and so are you
- Ginger Thomas -
1954

Big ships
little ships
small ships too
but the best ship is
friendship.
Comin
Chaffant.

Becky
To a sweet
friend from
Judy

1953
Bonnie my seatmate
Mary Jo Sheeler
Love

Hope you are coming
up to my house soon
and up the creek forest.

Lorelee

To another one
of the family
Duffy, D.

1st & 2nd
grade
Billie
nicest girl
good luck

To Bonnie
So a cute
sixth grader.
Have fun next year
and always good luck
Love
Susie

dear Bonnie
It's been great knowing
you this year &
stay as cute as you
are and good luck
to a swell girl.
Love n' luck
Nancy
Pasol

Roses are red
Violets are blue
This book is white
and it's all for you
Love Ditcher
Beyers

